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FIRST UTAH HIGHER SCHOOL

By MILDRED FONTANO.

The first successful educational institution in Utah and the intermountain west, the first subjects above the grammar grades, was the Morgan Commercial College, founded in 1872 by John Morgan, a young non-Mormon who had driven cattle west for a year.

John had to wait for the owner of the cattle to come to receive his pay. During this time he pursued his education at the higher learning in Deseret and decided to establish it. This institution was opened in the old Constitution Building on the old site of Main Street, just south of the Utah House, January, 1867, and was the first.

The Union Territory had been established by H. I. Dore, but it taught elementary subjects.

ity or the success of his teaching. Many years later great legends were told of his life and adventures under his tutelage. Then J. W. Pack and other successful men decided to reopen the institution. The University of Deseret was founded. He was a member of its faculty. He was converted to the Mormon faith and came to Southern states. He left his tutelage in the hands of others and returned to the University of Deseret.

John Morgan was one of the seven presidents of Seventeenth Ward, Salt Lake City, Utah. He was a member of the board of education for the territory of

First North and Second West Streets in a building which later housed the University of Deseret. The University of Deseret which had been established in 1850 had been closed for 16 years.

The Morgan College had seven teachers and 650 students. There was a feeling against John Morgan and his school because he was a non-member. But there was never any question about his ability.

John Morgan of Morgan Realty in Oakland, is the education grandson, as is John Morgan, Pearce and Byron Motors of Oakland. Warren Morgan, vice-president of the Morris Plan of Los Angeles, Bruce Morgan, who is in Los Angeles, and L. Morgan, an insurance agent in Los Angeles. A son of John Morgan, Nicholas Morgan, of Salt Lake City, is the source of this information.

OPENED BY LATTER-DAY SAINTS

BY MILDRED FONTANO.

Samuel Brannon knowing the great need of education in Yerba Buena (later San Francisco), gave one of his city lots for a school. A school house was constructed and the first school in California was established 105 years ago. It opened April 3, 1843.

The population of Yerba Buena was 890 people. Sixty children crowded into the school. Tom Douglas was the teacher.

A fine article appeared in San Brannon's newspaper about the school. The school was the first in founding. But it was instrumental in short lived. The end of education came six weeks after the opening. The school was discovered and the board of trustees expelled Brannon and part of the children's parents, and part of the children

left the city with picks and shovels and mining pans. Later still the gold rush had cooled down the school reopened.

The Centennial Commission of California reconstructed this first school house on the original lot in San Francisco and 101 years after the original date of opening classes were permitted to open for just one day each year to live again as near as possible the first school days when the year 1848 was worn and the costume fittings were of a day long past. Portsmouth Square in the old port of San Francisco is the original site of the school. It was the site of a grand opening by Eliza Brannon for education. The reconstructed school is a permanent building within this small San Francisco city park.

Charles A. Steen 33, a young geologist found a "million-dollar" uranium deposit in the remote region more recently in Grand County, Utah in 1952. Now he's president of the Utah Exploration Co., which is operating in the area.

Says It's Due To His Wife

Steen says his rags to riches story is due to his wife, according to reports in the *Deseret News*.

Steen spent months prospecting in Utah and Colorado. Grocery money was scarce. He frankly admits he had about come to the end of his rope.

Then he heard of some low grade uranium ore deposits in the remote Indian country. At first he thought the country, he saw, "I decided that the stuff should be concentrated further south."

Anyone else thought I was crazy. She says now it was fun, but she explains how it was tough going all the way, and he took it and laughed," he declares. The Steens have four children.

However Steen's new found wealth is not too obvious. "We're still planning almost everything back into the mine," he explains.

Live Now In Everything

Besides his stock in the company, Steen serves as secretary

in a canyon lying about 10 miles south of La Sal, Utah, in one of the rugged cliffs of deep, dark canyons. The mine is said to be one of the last remote mines in the West.

Borrowing money he put a core-drilling outfit to the test. "It was too poor to have a good counter bit. I was scared I was going to drill. Core from a good hole shows the ore," he says.

On the strength of that the drill hole, Steen got a hit. The

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herhood of many people. vividly that Eder, Marion G. A testimony of the Gospel in Stake conference and the years besides belief in the Bible, in the of his life. He had been a member of the Church since the Covenants, and in the Pearl Great Price. It includes faith these books as the very word of God.

ending results as district man- and pray more often inasmuch as for a period of a year or so he had been unable to pray and pray for an entire day now every week. At the end of this time he felt that he had achieved what he had set out to do, that for which he so much sought. This man, who had followed the way, he felt, to anyone who feels a desire to draw closer to the Lord whereby they may receive the power of God in the ministry, and be greatly joyed by the servants of God.

the entire company. _____ true and living God.

BERKELEY STAKE

MORMON MALE CHORUS

THRILLS BIG AUDIENCE

The Mormon Male Chorus was presented by the Berkeley Stake Chorale at their annual memorial benefit concert, April 17, before a large and enthusiastic audience. The chorus was directed by the late, but generous applause for its members as did the soloists of the chorus. The chorus was composed of the following: William, Alton Stout and Howard Davis. The accompaniment was by Mary Watkins. The chorus has been invited to sing at the Oakland Municipal Auditorium on Mothers' Day, May 10, at 2 p.m. The chorus is now working on the morning program at Evergreen cemetery, Oakland, at the morning program on Memorial day, Saturday, May 30.

Park Second Ward

Professions Shown

Nearly 50 members of the Berkeley Second Ward are listed below in their various professions. They include bacteriologists, entomologists, chemists, astronomers, atomic researchers, lawyers, certified public accountants, doctors of medicine, chiropractors, nurses, teachers, and others. Also named are some high school students who have achieved distinction.

Howard L. Bodily—B.S. from U. of Idaho 1953. Master's from Iowa State; Ph.D. in bacteriology from U. of Colorado 1953 in bacteriology and Public Health. He is now assistant chief, Division of Laboratories, Calif. State Dept. of Public Health.

Time Black—B.S. chemical engineering from U. of 1953; M.S. from U. of Ph. D. chemistry from Princeton 1953. Is research chemist Dept. Physical Chemistry at Shell Development.

Gold De LaMere—B.S. from A.C. 1944. Ph. D. from Purdue 1949 in organic chemistry. Is now research chemist for Shell Development.

Ben Daniels—Ph. D. in chemistry from U. of N.W. at Calif. Research Corp. of Standard Oil. Oliver Fulmer—B.S. at U.C. Ph. D. in agricultural chemistry at U.C.

North Jensen—B.S. from U.C. 1953. M.S. from U.C. Ph. D. in entomology from U.C. 1953. Is now doing research and teaching at U.C.

Gordon Le-John—A.B. from U.C. 1953. Ph. D. from U.C. 1952. Research chemist for California Research Corp. of Standard Oil.

Harold McNamara—B.S. from U.C. 1951. Ph. D. in astronomy from U.C. 1951. Now doing research work at U.C.

Vera Mral—Ph. D. from U.C. 1951. Ph. D. in food nutrition from U.C. Staff just recently transferred to Davis Campus.

C. Ray Thompson—Ph. D. in chemistry. Doing research in the field of alloys at Western Regional Laboratory, Albany, California.

Berkeley Stake Activity Calendar

Event and Location	Time
8 Friday—Berkeley Stake Dance Festival, Berkeley Recreation Hall	8 p.m.
23 Saturday—Bee Hive Swarm Day, Berkeley Chapel	2 p.m.
24 Saturday—District Dance Festival, Oakland High School	8 p.m.
27 Wednesday—Stake Operetta "The Chimes of Normandy"	8 p.m.
28 Thursday—Stake Operetta "The Chimes of Normandy"	8 p.m.
Both nights in Berkeley Recreation Hall	
29 Friday—Stake Speech Festival, Martinez Chapel	8 p.m.
30-31 Sat., Sun.—Stake M Men-Gleaner Outing—Ellis Summer Home near St. Helena	
Event and Location	Time
June 2 Tuesday—MIA Summer Program starts in all wards	
10 Wednesday—MIA June Conference, Camping, Dance and Drama Festivals	
11 Thursday—MIA June Conf., Reg. Sessions, Dance, Speech Festivals	
12 Friday—MIA June Conf., Reg. Sessions, Dance, Speech Festivals	
13 Saturday—MIA June Conf., Dept. Sessions, Breakfasts, Luncheons	
14 Sunday—MIA June Conf., Regular and Youth Conferences	

BERKELEY FIRST WARD

EDUCATION PERSONNEL

By MARGARET FIFE
Scores of members of Berkeley First Ward are here for the first time bracketed as to their various professions and academic standing.

Mid-term and spring school graduates of Berkeley First Ward.

JOSEPH ROY HILTON
On May 1, those of us over 11 years of age celebrated our Ward's first birthday with a dinner dance.

Then on May 2, the younger members through 11 years of age were entertained at a birthday parties held in two different homes.

Highlight of our Relief Society meetings in April was the luncheon given to honor four grandmothers of our Ward—Mrs. Anna D. in history; Mrs. Irene Oderns, Mrs. Pearl Taylor and Mrs. Martha L. Criss.

Master Brent Coffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. De C. Coffin, celebrated his seventh birthday April 10 by entertaining 20 youngsters at a delightful home party.

Among those attending general conference in Salt Lake City from Pleasant Hill Ward were Bishop and Mrs. Jean Roy Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Criddle, Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews.

Marines
New Primary and S.S. Workers Welcomed
By ALVA MAE FORSYTHE
The Primary welcomes Della Harrison as the new teacher of the Blaziers Doreen Barney, their former teacher, is now Junior Sunday School Coordinator for the Martinez Ward.

Every person worked earnestly on preparations for the Primary ward conference which was held April 26, 1953.

County hospital, Chicago.
Public School Teachers
Lois Scenberg—A.B. from U.C. 1953. Fifth grade teacher at Cornell, Albany.

Laura Summerhayes—A.B. from U. of U. Fifth grade at Cornell, Albany.

PTA Is Big Business

In The Concord Area

Six years ago one elementary school with a staff of 23 served the city of Concord. The same area is today served by five schools, all larger and one doubling in size, the parent school. School population has doubled in four years. (6,540-12,521).

Four out of the six years has seen one of our LDS women at the helm. Sister Bessie Markham Nelson and Marion Nelson have each served as president of these large PTA organizations.

Under their leadership PTA executive boards have helped unify 13 separate schools and school boards into a single district now including 27 schools; they have helped to pass four bond issues; helped establish a Junior College, a city recreation program plus many other worthy community projects.

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2 Sat.—Stake Quart. Conf. (Welfare and Priesthood).....6 and 7:30	
3 Sun.—Stake Quart. Conf. (three sessions, 10, 2 and 7)	
6 Wed.—Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
16 Sat.—Stake Gen. Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
18 Mon.—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Martinez Chapel	7:30 p.m.
19 Tues.—Pittsburg Ward MIA Conf., Pittsburg Chapel	7:30 p.m.
19 Tues.—Stake and Ward MIA Officers and Teachers to meet at 7 p.m.	
19 Tues.—Richmond Ward MIA Conf., Richmond Chapel	7:30 p.m.
(Stake and Ward Officers and Teachers meet at 7 p.m.)	

Phil Lewis Trained

Canning Inspector

By FLORENCE T. PRYOR
Bro. Phil Lewis took a week off from his business, March 30-April 3, to qualify as a canning plant inspector, and operator. Training was given in Hayward.

Bro. Phil Lewis and Leonard Smith took our young people to Camp Stoneman, and presented their Sacramento service project. They were accompanied by Elders Lewis and Smith speaking.

New ordinations to the priesthood are: Raymond Lane, Jay and John to office as Priest; Arthur Wells, a teacher.

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Claremont Rates Up

As Top College Ward

By JULIA BARRETT
HIGH SCHOOL GRADS, 1953
Berkeley High: Richard Krabbe, Geoffrey Millward, Janet Ellis, and John Reiche, Richard and Geoffrey were elected to the Claremont High School. Extension: Janet plans to attend college in Sacramento, Paul Tucker, who is graduating from Oakland Tech will start at Cal.

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BERKELEY STAKE

J. Edward Johnson
Probably the first LDS attorney to practice his profession in the Bay Area was Berkeley's "J. Ed" in the year 1921.

J. Edward Johnson was born October 2, 1890 in Murray, Utah. He completed high school, then attended the Brigham Young University in 1912. In 1913 he

Pleasant Hill
Educational Notes
We are proud of the second counselor in our Bishopric, Dr. Dean Criddle who obtained his B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Utah in 1947, and his doctorate from the University of California in 1950.

Berkeley Second
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president of Alameda County Board of Education, and administrative work is going on.

Students In The News
David Owens, two years president of student body at Portland State Univ., El Cerrito.

Tom Green—Incoming boys' commissioner at Albany High.

Barbara Beckett—Graduated from El Cerrito High, now at U.C. Berkeley.

Marjorie Bodily—Pres. of Orinda at Portland Junior High.

Ann Balmforth, Jennie Clavis, Steve Roland, Jr., traffic police at Harding grade school.

5 Pairs of Brothers.
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Ream have a sister, Dr. Beulah Ream Allen of Palo Alto and San Francisco.

Dr. C. Ronald Smith of Orinda and Oakland; M. D. from George Washington University and Dr. Charles Ream Allen of Palo Alto and San Francisco.

Dr. Raymond L. Knight, a D.D.S. from the U.C. and a twin brother Dr. Reuben L. Knight of Oakland and Berkeley, D.D.S. from the U.C.

Dr. Elwood W. Lyman of Berkeley and Oakland; M. D. from U.C. and Dr. Richard P. Lyman, M.D. from the University of Oregon.

Dr. Eldon Hart and Dr. Melvin G. Hart, each an M.D. in Oakland, are twin brothers.

Berkeley First

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teaching Unit Area, Calif.

MEMBERS FIRST WARD
HOLDING DEGREE OF Ph.D.
Lynn Mahoney—Born Brigham City, Utah; received Ph.D. in Wisconsin; is organic chemist at Development Co.

W. Gordon Rose—Born Salt Lake City; received Ph.D. Univ. of Maryland; research chemist, Western Regional Research Lab.

David Emerson Williams—Born Victor, Idaho; received Ph.D. University of Minnesota; is assistant soil chemist, Agricultural experimental station, Univ. of Calif.

MEMBERS HOLDING DEGREE OF LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws)
James E. Sabine—Harvard Law School; born in Utah, Calif.; assistant attorney general of California, tax division.

Marion Johnson—Born Berkeley, Calif.; assistant attorney general of California, tax division.

W. Glenn Harmon—Born Huntington, Utah; BYU, Boalt Hall, Univ. of Calif.; is attorney.

Richard W. Lyman—Born LeGrand, Oregon; training Oregon State University, Univ. of Oregon, Mayo foundation; practicing in Berkeley.

Malcolm H. Merrill—Born Richmond, Utah; training Utah State College, Univ. of St. Louis, Univ. of Calif.; Rockefeller Institute; deputy director and chief, division of laboratories, Calif. State Health Dept.

Lawrence S. Cannon—Born Salt Lake City; training Univ. of Utah, Univ. of Maryland; is practicing in Berkeley.

Woodrow Bates, graduate UC. Now practicing civil engineering in Berkeley.

Edward L. Barrett, Jr.—Born Wellington, Kansas; Boalt Hall, Univ. of Calif.; full professor of law, Univ. of Calif.

A. D. Erickson—Born Logan, Utah; Boalt Hall, Univ. of Calif.; attorney, Erickson and Erickson.

Preston N. Erickson—Born Idaho Falls, Idaho; Hastings College of Law, San Francisco; attorney, Erickson and Erickson.

Utahan New Head

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the Utah, received a degree from Washington, U.C. at Los Angeles, Southern California, as well as the San Francisco State College. He is now a member of the S.F. Commonwealth Club.

Other textbooks that are widely used in American Schools of Education and that have come from the pen of Elder Wahlgren are The Activity School, Philosophy of Education, 1942, Introduction to American Education, 1941, and The Administration of Public Education, 1952.

He has travelled widely in Europe, Canada and Mexico. He is listed in "Who's Who in Education" and "Who's Who in the World."

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Long Distance

Calling
Mrs. Ida E. Holmes had something to anticipate on her birthday. The morning previous the telephone company alerted her that a new member of the S.F. call and that she would be contacted at a certain hour. At the assigned moment, the phone rang; more than a click, "New York calling. Can you hear me?" Again click, click, "Hello, Bessie, Persian Gulf, go ahead please."

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S. F. Stake Members d In PTA Work

THELMA ROBERTS, an Larsen Collett was born in Salt Lake City, moved to Chicago, Denmark, when her father, Holger M. Larsen, was called to preside over the Danish Church in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1911 and 1912. She was born in Denmark, moved to Salt Lake City in 1912. She was called to serve a full-time mission.

She organized first Primaries in the Danish Mission and presided over them for three years. Collett is a member of the San Francisco and is director of the San Francisco committee of the PTA (2nd district). She is also San Francisco member of the PTA and is proud to have three PTA presidents during the last five years as follows:

Louise Lindsay McClane was president of the Lincoln high school PTA for two years—1951 and 1952. She was born in Denmark, moved to Salt Lake City in 1912. She was called to serve a full-time mission.

INSPIRED EDUCATION—From 47 states and 20 foreign countries students assemble at Brigham Young University because of the high level of religious influence at the Church university. Here in assembly three times weekly, they hear General Church Authorities and leading lecturers in science, business, industry, the arts and education.

BYU SEEN AMONG NATION'S MOST COSMOPOLITAN COLLEGES

When founded in 1875, Brigham Young Academy gave elementary and high school work only. Over the 76 years of its existence it has become the second largest school in Utah. At the present time, it is experiencing a rapid growth, which, it continued, will soon make it one of the very large institutions of the West.

Brigham Young University, originally Brigham Young Academy, was founded to teach not only the sciences, but also the revealed word of God—therefore, the sum total of human knowledge rather than the limited knowledge of secular education which often leads to disbelief in God. It was established, pursuant to a deed of trust executed by Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on October 16, 1875. That deed expressly set forth that the "pupils shall be instructed in . . . such branches as are usually taught in an academy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on October 16, 1875. That deed expressly set forth that the "pupils shall be instructed in . . . such branches as are usually taught in an academy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on October 16, 1875. That deed expressly set forth that the "pupils shall be instructed in . . . such branches as are usually taught in an academy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on October 16, 1875.

"Only this," replied the President, "I want you to remember that you ought not to teach even the alphabet and the multiplication tables without the spirit of God. That is all, God bless you. Goodbye."

Alameda Wards' 6 Bishops, Jan. '35-Apr. '53



Seated left to right: THYS WINKEL, 4th Bishop, Jan. 1946 to Nov. 1949; ARNOLD B. BANGERTER, Present Bishop, Appointed Aug. 10, 1951; FRANCIS B. WINKEL, 5th Bishop, Nov. 1949 to August 1951. Standing left to right: LEO H. CRANDALL, 1st Bishop, Jan. 1935 to Nov. 1939; WENDELL M. JENSEN, 2nd Bishop, Nov. 1939 to Jan. 1944; JOHN C. ROOFS, 3rd Bishop, Jan. 1944 to Jan. 1946. Alameda was organized as a Branch Feb. 29, 1932, with Branch President LEO H. CRANDALL; he subsequently became the first bishop. The above photo was taken just prior to the ward reunion April, 1953. The ward population numbered 684 on April 15, 1953, an increase of 30 per cent in the past four years.

Painter, Sculpture Now LDS Convert

In the Eighteenth Ward in Salt Lake City resides one of the very talented church members who have left native European countries and brought their faith and talents to the body of the Church in the Great Basin area of America.

He is Arno A. Steinicke, a Czech convert of Arthur Gault's when Gault was president of the Czechoslovakian Mission. Besides being listed as painter, sculptor, and composer, he also is soldier, world traveler, and lecturer, and with a humble and faithful Latter-day Saint, he is the father of two sons, one in the air corps and the other a student at the University of Utah.

PAINTINGS EXHIBITED

Figures in a story regarding the unique character in the March 21 issue of the Church News are photographs of the artist at work in oil on one of his large canvases, a landscape, "After the Downpour" which was on display with a companion subject, "Tranquility" at the Snow College art exhibit in Ephraim, Utah, the latter part of March and during April. Pictured also is one of the artist's paintings, "Contrasts," a scene of the Uintas, and to his left, "Silent Vista," caught in Kanab, Utah.

At present Brother Steinicke is exhibit chairman of the Federated Artists of Utah. He is a regular temple worker and a supervisor of ward teaching in his ward. It is entitled, "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me," and depicts the Savior surrounded by little children. He stated that in his home studio Elder Steinicke proudly displays several of his choice canvases. Shown in the foreground of a picture in the News is one of his paintings, "Contrasts," a scene of the Uintas, and to his left, "Silent Vista," caught in Kanab, Utah.

Milton Bennion Ends Useful Career at 82

Dr. Milton Bennion, 82, widely-known educator, author, and former general superintendent of the Sunday School Union of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints died Sunday, April 5. Dr. Bennion was well known in the Bay Area. He died at his home in Berkeley, California.

The same may be said for the officers of the various stake Primaries who preceded many stake and ward leaders in order to enjoy the benefits of the great annual Primary Conference held each April a few days ahead of the General Conference.

Weather was a dramatic factor in this unique 123rd gathering of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Snow and winds wet, chilled, delayed and dismayed both pedestrians and drivers.

Many are the exclamations and the startling stories of personal disasters and surprises that have caused the storms brought back by the local Church members who thus again recalled that the Zion of the latter days has indeed been established "in the tops of the mountains." A few near tragedies are reported, but so far no injuries.

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He tried it and it worked.

Now the sandpapering operation has been perfected, and today plastic surgeons are performing the operation throughout the United States, not only in every large plastic surgeon center, but in the hospitals of almost all the smaller cities as well.

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Bay Area Stake Heads At Great Conference

The Bay Region stake presidents and bishops from the six stakes that touch the waters of the San Francisco bay journeyed once again to Salt Lake City to attend another general conference. All returned with the usual and hearty "best ever" reports.

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L. D. S. Seminary Group



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**Helen Hinckley Jones Now
Collaborator On New Book**

A prominent Southern California LDS author, Helen Hinckley Jones, sister of Mrs. Vera Hinckley Mayhew of Berkeley, is co-author of a new book put out by Harper and Brothers, April 15, "In Persia Is My Heart."

It is an autobiography of a young Iranian girl, son of one of the prominent families of that land, and who, leaving a successful

ful dress designing venture in her own land has now been in America for a few years trying to find an answer to the problems she has come to recognize as critical in her country.

Among other colleges where she has been studying are the University of Redlands and the Pasadena City College where, it so happens, Helen Hinckley Jones is teaching classes in writing.

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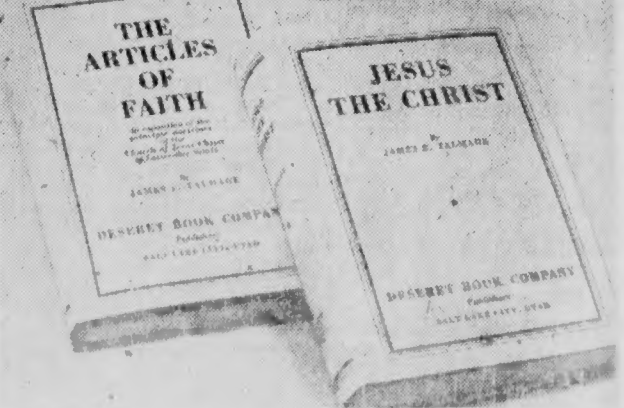
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N. W. A. F. President Reports Probable B. of M. Sites In Mexico

Thomas Stuart Ferguson, Oakland attorney and vigorous Central American archeologist, reports his personal reconnaissance of promising Book of Mormon sites in southeastern Mexico in mid-May, 1953.

Returning to his Orinda home May 18, Attorney Ferguson, bronzed and field worn, declared that he had found "a lot of things" after studying photographs of figurines recently discovered by the field expedition, that the figurines date into the archaic period without doubt.

"John Sorenson (archaeologist student from the Brigham Young University) and I," said the Oakland attorney, "spent two weeks of jeep travel over the worst roads in the world, but we made the discoveries we were praying for. We feel that we have found the figurines and the reason is because the figurines and pottery date before the Maya era."

Possibly Zarahemla
He continues, "I feel is not too much to say that we have very promising prospects of finding the great city of Zarahemla in this region—for now we are proclaiming to the world that what we are doing in this area will determine the entire future of the N. W. A. F., and the future looks bright. That we have found this ancient culture just where we thought we should be highly significant."

Describing the geography of the region spoken of in southeastern Mexico, Brother Ferguson explained, "This area in which our discoveries are made is remarkably like the California Central Valley and Palestine in climate. In fact, the climate and geography we experienced there would almost suggest it as a place Israelites would choose to settle—no jungles, nice climate, and much open land; excellent through run through it. It's a bit hot in the daytime, like San Joaquin valley, but pleasant at night."

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**Who's Looking Over
One's Shoulder**

The romance of tracing one's ancestry and the importance and better methods thereof will be discussed at the Oakland-Berkeley State Genealogical Convention on Sunday, June 21.

Held in the Oakland chapel a 10 a.m. session for ward and stake genealogical committees and a 2 p.m. public meeting will have the help of a writer from the Church Genealogical Committee.

**Adam Bennion
Answers Local Letter**

Since the Messenger editor served with the new apostle when both were on the Granite high school faculty, a letter of congratulations went forward to Elder Bennion on his appointment to the Quorum of Twelve. The reply, written to Mr. and Mrs. Ball is here reproduced as it came on the letterhead of "The Council of the Twelve."

My dear friends:
Reading the past two weeks I have been stirred—almost overwhelmed—by the kindness of my friends. As two of them, you have been most gracious.

I want this brief note—my first use of this new letterhead—to be an expression of gratitude.

With your sustaining confidence and the blessings of Heaven, I shall devote my life in an attempt to do good among my fellowmen.

May peace and happiness abound in your home.

And so, thanks from the bottom of my heart, Minerva joins me fully in these sentiments.

Yours sincerely,
(signed) ADAM S. BENNION.

**Dr. Henry Eyring
Given New Honors**

Dr. Henry Eyring, Utah educator and famed chemist and churchman, will receive an honorary degree June 15 at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Dr. Eyring, a brother to Joseph C. Eyring, Berkeley realtor and high councilman, is dean of the University of Utah, and is a member of the Church Sunday School General Board.

Graduate School and professor of chemistry.

He recently completed a book, "Molecular Biology," in collaboration with Dr. Frank Johnson of Princeton and Dr. Milton J. Pollack of the University of California. Elder Eyring is a member of the Church Sunday School General Board.

SWIM POOL BENEFIT BANQUET Grand First Annual LIAHONA CLUB'S JULY 4 PATRIOTIC ORATION

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Softball and Horseshoe Pitching, Oakland vs. Berkeley Groups — Races With Prizes: All Ages — Visiting, Picknicking, Boating, Band Concert

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3..Baritone Solo, "Flag Without A Stan" Blaine Wilson

4..Five-Minute Prize Patriotic Oration
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NIGHT
9 to 10:30 p. m.
Oakland City Fireworks Lake Merritt

**LDS Institute Sunday Concert Presents
Highly Talented Modesto Girl Pianist**

Students at the LDS Institute of Religion, University of California, will hear Rexine Ferrel, 16-year-old LDS pianist, in concert Sunday, June 7 at 7 p.m. Miss Ferrel, a member of the Berkeley Ward, has appeared in many concerts in Northern California. In 1950 she won an area search of talent and appeared on the late Armand Girard's television show.

She gave a building fund concert at the Berkeley high school at 10 years of age. Her father, a violinist, she has also been heard over numerous radio stations, among them KPFA FM, Berkeley. She has also done two full piano recitals this last year with orchestra.

Even on Church Activities
Up with all these musical activities, Rexine has been able to win the LDS girl's individual award each year. She is Sunday school organist and also accompanies many soloists on church programs.

Rexine has a beautiful testimony of the Gospel. Her father is a member of the Berkeley Ward, and her mother and father are members of the San Joaquin LDS Stake boards.

Her Mills college teacher says of Rexine: "In addition to all her gifts, she has a charming and unassuming personality. Rexine is very prayerful, and gives thanks to her heavenly Father for all his kindness unto her."

**Hiltons, Eugene, Ruth
To Arrive June 6th**
From Jerusalem came a picture postcard dated Easter Sunday, April 5, and written by Eugene Hilton to the Messenger for all our readers. The picture on the postcard is a general view of Jerusalem.

We are greatly enjoying blessings that we never expected would come our way," says the card. "We are happy to send greetings from Holy City at Eastertide. We go to Bethlehem tomorrow and will visit the manger and the shepherds' field on April 6, the Lord's real birthday. Today we sat where He sat on the curb of Jacob's well. We drank of the water and also of the waters of life which only He can give. We go from here to Egypt and the Orient. We now send our greetings to all whom we love via the Messenger."

(signed) THE HILTONS

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To Hawaiian Temple**

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The Hayward-Castro Valley LDS Chapel On Dedication Day



HAYWARD and Castro Valley Wards gathered jointly for the dedication of their beautiful and commodious chapel at 2 p.m., May 10, 1953, on the large chapel site at 1000 Second street, Hayward. Shown above is the new chapel as photographed by Al Schuller saw it just as members were beginning to emerge at the close of the dedicatory exercises at which LeGrand Richards of the Council of Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offered the dedicatory prayer. The view shows the chapel entrance (center) and the chapel proper on the right.

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Can you help the Church Historian's Office in Salt Lake City? We sent them on request a file of the Messenger, but lacked a few copies.